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Remarks

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In the Office action dated August 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 13-25 as being unpatentable over various combinations of references. The Applicants respectfully disagree but have canceled claims 1-9 without prejudice to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner objected to claims 11 and 12 as being dependent on rejected base claim 10 but otherwise allowable. The Applicants have moved the language of dependent claim 11 into parent claim 10 and canceled claim 11. Claim 10 as well as dependent claims 12 and 13 should be allowable.

The Applicants have rewritten claim 12 in independent form as claim 101. New claim 102 corresponds to dependent claim 13. Claims 101 and 102 should be allowable.


As for claims 14-25, the Applicants have added language to claim 14 from dependent claims 15, 17, and 18. The Applicants understand claim 14 as well as dependent claims 16 and 19-25 to be allowable.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19-25, 101, and 102 should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned attorney in order to arrange a telephonic interview. This request is being submitted under MPEP § 713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

Respectfully submitted,

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